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TITLE: PROTECTING CONTENT FROM ILLICIT REPRODUCTION BY PROOF OF EXISTENCE OF COMPLETE DATA SET USING SECURITY IDENTIFIERS

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers of October 20, 2005, please amend the application as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on Page 4, line 22, with the following amended paragraph:

The theft of an item can be discouraged by making the theft more time consuming or inconvenient than the worth of the stolen item. For example, a bolted-down safe is often used to protect small valuables, because the effort required to steal the safe will typically exceed the gain that can be expected by stealing the safe. Copending U.S. patent application "Protecting Content from Illicit Reproduction by Proof of Existence of a Complete Data Set", U.S. serial number _____, 09/537,815 filed _____ March 28, 2000 for Michael Epstein, Attorney Docket _____ (disclosure 709999B), teaches selecting and binding of data items to a data set that is sized sufficiently large so as to discourage a transmission of the data set via a bandwidth limited communications system, such as the Internet, and is incorporated by reference herein. This copending application teaches a binding of the data items in the data set by creating a watermark that contains a data-set-entirety parameter and embedding this watermark into each section of each data item. The copending application also teaches including a section-specific parameter (a random number assigned to each section) in the watermark.